

REMARKS

Claims 39, 41-50, and 52-62 are pending.

Claims 39, 41-50, and 52-62 stand rejected.

Claims 41-44 and 52-56 have been amended for clarity to provide proper dependency.

Claims 52-60 have been amended for clarity to properly refer to an "apparatus" as recited in independent claim 50 from which claims 52-60 directly or indirectly depend.

Claims 63-71 have been added. Claims 63-71 directly or indirectly depend from independent claim 61. Claims 63-71 are parallel claims to dependent claims 52-60.

Claim Objections

Claims 41-44 and 52-56 are objected to for reciting dependence upon a cancelled claim.

Double Patenting

Claims 39, 41-50, and 52-62 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 6 of U.S. Patent No. 5,708,798. Applicants have filed a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) and 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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